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TO: FAMILY PACT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: POCKET GUIDE TO MANAGING CONTRACEPTION
PROGRAM LETTER 04-05

The Office of Family Planning (OFP) is pleased to provide your practice with two complimentary copies of *"A Pocket Guide to Managing Contraception", 2003-2004 Edition*. This pocket-sized resource was developed for health care providers by the authors of *Managing Contraception*. Additional copies can be purchased from www.managingcontraception.com.

OFP is supplying this resource to help providers meet the Availability of Covered Services Standard (E) that requires that "all Family PACT approved family planning methods...be made available to clients on-site by the practitioner or by prescription and/or referral" (E.1). It is the provider's responsibility to ensure that he or she has sufficient clinical knowledge of each family planning method to assist clients in choosing a method.

Family PACT has additional resources available to assist providers with acquiring up-to-date information on family planning method options. A wide assortment of tools are available at the Family PACT website, www.familypact.org:

- Multi-subject resource guide listing of websites and distance learning materials called "Resources for Family PACT providers"
- Program and Policy Letters
- Educational events calendars
- Newsletters (particular interest will be the Spring 2003 Newsletter article "Contraceptive Choices Across the Lifespan – The Right Fit," written by Anita Nelson, M.D.)

If you have questions or comments, please call (916) 650-0414.

Sincerely,

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